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TAGS: ENRG, AG

SUBJ: ALGERIAN PETROLEUM PROSPECTING TO ACCELERATE

1. ON AUGUST 25 SONATRACH PRESIDENT GHOZALI TOLD ME ALGERIANS PLANNING MARKED UPTURN IN PACE OF OIL AND GAS PROSPECTING. ALGERIANS NOW HAVE 70 DRILLING RIGS OPERATING AND PLAN TO BRING IN ANOTHER 50 TO 60. OF THESE, 20 TO 30 WILL BE PURCHASED. AGREEMENT ALREADY SIGNED WITH US STEEL FOR SOME OF THEM. OTHERS WILL BE PURCHASED FROM OTHER COMPANIES. ANOTHER 30 WILL BE RENTED COMPLETE WITH CREWS OVER THREE TO FOUR YEAR PERIOD. THIS LARGE PACKAGE WILL RAISE PROBLEM OF FINANCING. ALGERIANS HOPED EXIM WOULD BE HELPFUL.

2. COMMENT: PROPOSED EXPANSION WOULD REPRESENT CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT FOR ALGERIANS, PROBABLY ON ORDER OF DOLS 100-DOLS 150 MILLION FOR DRILLING RIGS TO BE PURCHASED PLUS ADDITIONAL DOLS 150 MILLION PER YEAR TO RENT THIRTY RIGS AND CREWS. QUESTION IMMEDIATELY COMES TO MIND AS TO WHETHER ALGERIANS CAN MAN AND

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SUCCESSFULLY OPERATE THIS MANY RIGS. TRAINING PROGRAM

FOR DRILLING TECHNICIANS NOW UNDERWAY, BUT WE ARE  
INFORMED THAT FORESEEABLE SUPPLY OF TRAINED MANPOWER  
INSUFFICIENT FOR MAJOR EXPANSION OF EXPLORATION  
PROGRAM EVEN GIVEN LONG LEAD TIME BEFORE ANY NEW RIGS  
WOULD ACTUALLY ARRIVE IN COUNTRY.  
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